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Maryville community and students attempt to balance out partying and living in a residential neighborhood. Some community members believe that the mentalities of the college students

Students, community share love, hate relationship

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Students coming to Northwest may see Maryville as a location of newfound freedom. However, some residents of the community see their arrival in a different

In Maryville, students and community members live side by side in a unique atmosphere that comes with residing in a college town.

Kathy Hainline runs a day-care in her home that neighbors the Sigma Phi Epsilon and Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity houses. She and her husband, Jack, have a son who is a sophomore in college, so they try to be compliant, but they lack tolerance for those who cross their respectful boundaries.

Kathy said the boys of Sig Ep and TKE are good kids; it is more often their

guests who are the trouble. Kathy has had people walk through her yard, sit around her fire pit and drink beer, walk off with her lawn chairs and play on the kids' swing set.

When I walk the perimeter of my house in the morning, I usually find a lot of empty beer cans," Kathy said. "I have started tying my possessions down."

Jack said kids' mentalities have got-

'They think the freedom that comes with college gives them the right to disrespect people's private boundaries," he

Kathy said she does call the cops frequently, especially when the noise goes until 3 a.m. She and Jack have thought about moving, but losing the house that has been in Jack's family since 1956

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Freshman class lacks representation

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Student Senate finds itself torn over recent election results.

Election results for positions on the Senate returned Oct. 2. Within those results, students from the Missouri Academy claimed three of the four available freshman class representation positions.

Sophomore Ashton Raffety, Student Senate off-campus representative, said he doesn't know why traditional freshmen are not getting elected to the positions, but that he is not fond of the out-

"I couldn't tell you why it is; for some reason they have better results for getting elected," Raffety said. "I think it doesn't accurately represent the traditional freshman class."

Academy students live in the North Complex residence hall and spend what would be their junior and senior years of high school taking college-level courses at Northwest.

"I would say that Academy students can relate because we go to the same classes, have the same teachers and we're on the same campus as all of them," Tyler Stodden, freshman class president and academy student, said. "We do everything that they do besides residence halls, so I think we can relate just as much as any



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Academy student Jaewhan Park sits in at the Student Senate meeting as a freshman represenative.

other student."

Prior to 2010, Academy students held separate representation in the Senate. The 88th Student Senate voted to amend the Constitution so Academy students could hold positions in freshman and sophomore representation spots, said senior Riley Ziemer, Student Senate executive president.

"They are first-year Northwest students also," Ziemer said. 'They didn't attend (Summer Orientation Advisement and Registration), they have a different orientation and stuff like that, but I think it being their first year and taking classes along with freshmen, I don't think it's too much of

"They're not living in high rises; it's not the same as a traditional college student, but they're still interacting with campus as a freshman would. It's hard to connect with freshmen because they have curfew hours and stuff like that. They aren't traditional, but they do the same amount of work

as a typical freshman would." Raffety said he fears that since a majority of Academy students transfer out of Northwest following their sophomore year, Student Senate misses out on evolving upperclassman leadership.

We need to let traditional freshmen and sophomores have more of a chance to be part of the Senate experience, so that way we can have more future leadership," Raffety said. "Academy students, 93 percent of the time, they leave Northwest after they are done with the Academy."

Ziemer acknowledged the issue of low retention for Academy students, but said he still thinks they play an important role and other students are willing to fill positions in their absence.

"In the past we have had Academy students serve on the executive board, so they do add a leadership role," Ziemer said. "When they leave after their two years, it is tough to fill that void...

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Students eat lunch in the J.W. Jones Student Union food court on Tuesday.

University awaits bids for new campus dining contract

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Managing Editor | @blawson2010 For the first time in 15 years, a

bidding process is underway for Northwest's campus dining con-Last week four different companies visited campus to get a bet-

ter understanding of the facilities and dining services. Those companies included Sodexo, Chartwells, Aladdin and Aramark, the current vendor.

None of the companies have responded with a bid yet, but with the contract up for renewal, Northwest is looking at what changes could be

made to what is available for students. Vice President of Student Affairs Matt Baker said the University is looking to increase the value of campus dining and satisfaction for

"Our goal is completely dedicated to students finding it high value and a positive change as we move forward," Baker said. "We wouldn't do anything if we thought it would be a detriment to students and their satisfaction."

One thing Northwest is considering is switching to an "all you care to eat" kind of meal plan instead of

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Missouri collects unwanted venison from hunting season to donate to families in need

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Deer hunting season is just around the corner and hunters are preparing to bring home that 20-point buck with the opening of archery season Sept. 15.

Last year approximately 3,210 reported deer were harvested by Nodaway County hunters during the youth, archery and firearms sections of the deer hunting season, according to the Missouri Department of Conservation website.

With thousands of deer being harvested every season, hunters may have excess venison left over. In 1992 the Share the Harvest program was created by MDC and the Conservation Federation of Mis-

souri to help Missouri hunters donate venison to charitable organizations.

Share the Harvest gives Missouri hunters the option to either donate a portion of venison or the whole deer. Venison can be taken to

certified meat processors throughout Missouri where it is processed, packaged and given to the nearest charitable organization.

There are three Share the Harvest

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Residential movie channel goes off air

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What used to be the Northwest Residential Life Cinema channel became a blur of black and white lines over the past few days.

Over the past few weeks, Suddenlink cable provider has been working to add two additional channels to its service, one of which will be broadcast on Channel 76.

Residential Life was using Channel 76 to show movies at regular intervals throughout the day. Also available to students is the ondemand Res. Life Cinema website.

Res. Life has decided to temporarily move the channel to 79.

"Suddenlink is upgrading their cable system and is moving from

they also added two new channels, CSPAN and the Inspiration channel," said Scott Shields, Northwest coordinator of residential life operations.

The Reslife Cinema channel is run on an on-campus server located in the basement of the library and has nothing to do with Suddenlink.

Brad Whitsell, Northwest Residential Life complex director, noticed that the channel was not coming in Tuesday night and reported the problem to Shields.

"I personally want it back," Whitsell said. "We will address it as soon as possible, so students are aware what is going on."

The online Reslife Cinema

analog to digital, and in that process channel is still operating. A&G is excited to introduce an Hours: Mon.-Thurs. 11 a.m.-9:30 p.m. Fri.-Sat. 11 a.m. -10:30 p.m. With LOTS of new and tasty options to Sun. 11 a.m. - 9 p.m. 208 N. Main 660.582.4421

Kansas City columnist speaks on diversity

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A Kansas City Star columnist gave a lecture on diversity Monday night in the Ron Houston Center for the Performing Arts.

Lewis Diuguid started his journalism career on a typewriter and has been a columnist with the Kansas City Star since 1977. Diuguid is a certified diversity facilitator with the Newspaper Association of America.

The University of Missouri-Columbia graduate spoke about changing things that have always been present in the United States, such as racism and sexism.

"We should look past the image to see the truth," Diuguid said. "We need to extend equal treatment to those who help build this country despite race."

Diuguid said media should not discount the stories of blacks, Asians, Latin Americans, Native Americans or homosexuals, but instead value these multicultural stories. In education, Diuguid said a multicultural curriculum is important in inspiring excitement and breaking racial stereotypes. He also encouraged students to bring multicultural materials into the

'You can only be as good as the depth and breadth of your experiences as a human being," Diuguid



Editorial board member, columnist and letters to the editor writer for The Kansas City Star, Lewis Diuguid speaks at the Northwest's Ploghoft Diversity Lecture on Monday night.

Ultimately, Diuguid wants to see change in diversity acceptance across the board. The Kansas City Star has started introducing diversity workshops to its employees.

"The Star pushes this higher and further than most media," Diuguid said.



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Senate plans program to improve city

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Student Senate invites the entire University to help give back to the Maryville community.

The Northwest Student Senate announced Bearcat Restoration a new series of service projects that are designed to improve the city of Maryville and to help its residents.

We always do a blood drive, but we really wanted to find a way to give back to the Maryville community," Student Senate President Riley Ziemer said.

Originally scheduled for Oct. 3, the project was cancelled due to inclement weather. The event will take place from 1-5 p.m. Oct. 7. This particular project consists of repainting the home of an elderly woman on West First Street.

This project is a way to bring our campus and the community together," said Tori Cantrell, co-chair of Student Senate's Civic Service Committee. "We want to help those in the community because they are so helpful to us."

Those interested are encouraged to meet in the parking lot outside the J.W. Jones Student Union at 12:45 p.m. Everyone involved will receive a T-shirt for volunteering.

Student Senate Vice President Gunner Sumy echoes these feel-

"It's definitely great for the community," Sumy said. "It's also a really good reflection of the student population on campus. We always try to give a helping hand where we

Bearcat Restoration will consist of biweekly service projects throughout the community with the next event scheduled for Oct. 21.

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Businesses, schools help stock community food bank

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The Maryville community works together to make sure families have enough food this fall.

St. Gregory Catholic School and U.S. Bank are just a few of the organizations in Maryville involved in Stocktoberfest, a food drive to help stock pantries.

"My students actually get the chance to work at the food pantry twice each month," St. Gregory teacher Jenni Halley said. "They see how quickly the food goes off the shelves and realize the problem of hunger in Nodaway County. They love to get involved and share their faith in action."

St. Gregory's has participated in food drives for several years and attempts to do one each year. The decision to host Stocktoberfest was made because the food pantry shelves at the Ministry Center are lacking this sea-

The collections consist of all non-perishable food. Donations can be taken directly to the Ministry Center, which is open from 2 to 4 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Recommended donations are canned foods, such as carrots, pumpkins, tomatoes, beans and so on. Peanut butter, soup, evaporated milk and applesauce are other options. Boxed foods, such as macaroni and cheese, cereals and noodles are also encouraged.

Specifically requested are soups, juice, cereal, canned fruit, canned vegeables and saltines.

Food collected by St. Gregory's goes to the Ministry Center on South Main Street. Last week the school collected 279 pounds of food. Their goal is 2012 pounds this month.

"It's everything," Ministry Center Food Pantry Director Rod Shain said of community support. "Our community is Nodaway county, and they're truly everything. It's not just the food but monetary support. There's no way we could afford to purchase all the food we give out. If our community didn't support us, we honestly wouldn't be here.

The Ministry Center's food pantry feeds 400 to 600 individuals on a monthly basis. This breaks down to anywhere from 170 to 200 families a month, said Shain.

"It's amazing that there's that much need," he said.

In addition to Stocktoberfest, there are separate events to collect

A dietetic class at Northwest raised funds last Saturday for the Backpack Buddy program. This program consists of sending kids in Nodaway County home with a pack full of food every weekend. This class is also collecting food for donation.

Additionally, Maryville High School will be collecting food at their game against Savannah High School this Friday for the Ministry Center as well as the Second Harvest Community Food Bank.

Food collected by U.S. Bank also goes toward Second Harvest's food

St. Gregory's Catholic school is holding a food donation drive. The school is competing against grades to see who can bring in the most food.

pantry. This is the bank's first year holding a drive.

Other organizations that are participating in Stocktoberfest include

Northwest, Nucor-LMP, Kawasaki, Northwest Nodaway Schools, Eugene Fields Elementary School and the Methodist Church.



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Maryville official receives award for record keeping

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Maryville's finance director, Denise Town, received recognition for her financial reporting for the second year in a row.

The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada awarded Town with the Financial Reporting Achievement

"The city of Maryville is very fortunate to have Denise on staff," City Clerk Sheila Smail said.

In addition to Town's individual accomplishment, the city of Maryville received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting. This is the fourth year in a row the city has received this

"It's satisfying in the sense that we want to be able to provide our citizens with the most and the best information," Town said.

The GFOA started the program in 1945 to encourage state and local governments to exceed the minimum requirements in their financial re-

In order to qualify for the award, two additional financial sections must be submitted with the original financial statements, said Town.

First there is a transmittal letter, which gives information regarding the community and what is unique about its economic outlook. The second part requires a statistical section, which covers 20-25 schedules that give more detailed information on the financial status of the community.

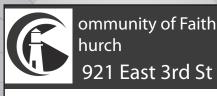
"It's relatively standard for large communities to do this, but once

you get to communities our size and smaller, it's not as common," Town said. "The larger communities have a lot more staff, and they can spend more time doing things like that. I'm proud of the fact that we do it even though we're a smaller community."

Town will celebrate her 20th year of working for the city in November.

"I enjoy the actual work that I do," Town said. "But beyond that, I enjoy the people that I work with, the interaction with the public and the chance to give back to the community in this type of capacity."

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OUR VIEW:

Off-campus living poses challenges

Welcome to Maryville, Mo., home to the Northwest Bearcats. It is also home to more than 12,000 community members and another 7,225 college students. Maryville loves their University and the University the city.

As we all know, as freshmen we live on-campus in one of the residence halls. For many in their later years, home is an apartment or house off campus in the community. As we move off campus into the community, it puts strain on the relationship between the University and the city.

Many of the problems students face when they live off campus stem from their interactions with the citizens of Maryville. One bad first impression with a neighbor can turn a relationship sour before it even gets off the ground.

We at "The Missourian" like to see the world as it should be and not how it sometimes is. The ideal world is seeing college students and community members living in a neighborhood together with no problems.

This is not always the case. Oftentimes students get off on the wrong foot with their neighbors. This causes tensions that can become an irritation for both people.

Whether it is pestering students to keep their lawn clean, calling the police every time they hear loud music or letting their animals onto the other yard to go to the bathroom, disagreements can come from any number of things.

"The Missourian" staff supports a way of life that makes everyone happy. Students need to realize they are moving into a community that has members who have been there for years. It is difficult to acclimate to a setting where your next-door neighbors go from being a sweet older couple to college students.

It is not only on the students' shoulders though. There is plenty of slack for the community members to pick up. Maryville citizens must remember we are college



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work together to make neighborhood life easier for both.

The Missourian believes that both student and community members should

students. We are young, and most of us have not finished enjoying our youth.

After talking to students on campus, it seems to be pretty mixed when people talk about their relationships with their neighbors. Many students tell stories of how they scoop their neighbor's sidewalks or make sure they know when they will have a

Community members have mixed feelings about the students as well. Some members easily remember their college youth and seem more lenient than others.

There will have to be give and take from both sides. Luckily, it seems both are getting the idea. The situation could be much worse. College is a fun time, but it is also a time to learn some responsibilities and that includes

Term limits facilitate democratic process



In the Missouri state legislature, senators and representatives are subject to term limits that keep them from serving more than eight years. The state constitution was amended in 1992 to include limits on a legislator's time in office.

One place you will not see term limits is in the U.S. Congress. No such amendment has been passed to place a limit on the number of terms an elected official can hold. This allows politicians like Sen. Robert C. Byrd (D-W.Va.) and Rep. John Dingell, Jr. (D-Mich.) to serve for well over 50 years.

In most state legislatures, senators and representatives are limited to eight years in office. Representatives have four two-year terms and senators serve two four-year terms. This keeps the demographic of the state legislature ever changing, which helps with the quality of laws being passed.

Many of the issues we face today are caused by the inability

of Congress to work together and pass laws that help the American people. The career politicians that use their power to continually get re-elected and refuse to work across the aisle could cause it.

If we had an amendment that required politicians to give up their prestigious handle after a certain number of terms, similar to presidential limits of two terms, it would make politics more interesting. It would also make politics more accessible to the average person rather than something for the elite few who can buy their way in.

It is necessary for us to reform the way Washington works, and one way we can do that is by changing the rules. Cycling out our politicians every once in a while allows a new type of politician to come in and work. It allows a broader spectrum of eager, would-be politicians into the arena to do what is best for the nation.

Numerous candidates and politicians have entertained the idea of a term limit amendment on the national level. I feel it is important for the American people to take a serious look at whom they continue to elect. We need citizen legislators, not career politicians.

Cuts to PBS would ruin great learning programs



Internships provide students with the opportunity to gain real-world work experience while in school. Last summer I interned at WEIU-TV in Charleston, Ill. WEIU was not the only station that offered me an internship, but its internship program was unique.

They hire 10 interns to run the 5:30 p.m. broadcast of "News Watch." Every day interns were the producers, anchors and reporters. No network affiliate or for-profit station would ever allow this. WEIU could because it is a PBS affiliate.

In the Oct. 3 presidential debate, Mitt Romney said that he would cut funds that subsidize PBS. This troubles me. Educational programs such as "News Watch's" internship would be cut, and young journalists such as myself would not have the same opportunities to develon their craft

develop their craft.

It is not only about college students. I remember watching programs like "Reading Rainbow", "Mr. Roger's Neighborhood", "The Magic School Bus" and yes, even "Sesame Street" as a child. They were an adventure to us. We would be learning,

but we would not even realize it.

A cut to PBS is a cut to educa-

tion. Romney might as well have just said that he was giving up on the next generation. PBS issued a statement after the debate striking back at Romney.

"As a stated supporter of education, Romney should be a champion of public broadcasting, yet he is willing to wipe out services that reach the vast majority of Americans, including underserved audiences, such as children who cannot attend preschool and citizens living in rural areas."

It's not like PBS is not being utilized anymore. According to PBS, ninety-one percent of households in the U.S. tune into PBS. Eighty percent of children between the ages of two and eight watch their programming.

Approximately one one-hundredth of a percent of the federal budget goes to PBS. For every dollar the government contributes, member stations raise \$6 through pledge drives and other forms of private funding. A cut would have minimal impact on the federal deficit.

With all of the issues our country faces, should public broadcasting be an issue? Mitt Romney should be embarrassed that he chose to make this an issue. PBS is more than just Big Bird. I hope he

Romney wins debate with suave style



Before the first presidential debate Oct. 3, Mitt Romney was taking a nosedive in the polls, seemingly making a gaffe every week in the news. After his first showdown with President Obama. however, the tide was turned. People all over the country cried victory for Romney, noticing his aggressive talking points and energetic delivery throughout the debate. President Obama, on the other hand, seemed subdued and passive on almost every issue. However, if you had been factchecking Romney, you may have come to a different conclusion on whom the winner was.

If I jumped into the politics of this year's election on the night of the debate, I probably would have been thinking, "Wow, this Mitt Romney is a real straight shooter. I do not know why he was ever losing." The problem is that much of what Romney said is in stark contrast to the platform he and running mate Paul Ryan have been campaigning on. This is most evident on the issue of taxes, the issue that seemed to take up almost half the debate.

Romney repeatedly stated he was against any tax cuts for wealthy Americans and attacked Obama's claim that he supported a \$5 trillion tax cut. The fact is Romney said he wanted a 20 percent tax cut across the board for all Americans, which obviously includes the wealthy. He has supported the reinstatement of the Bush-era tax cuts, which greatly favor the top tax bracket. Finally, he has voiced eliminating the estate and gift tax, which really only applies to people with lavish, top-dollar estates.

To pay for all those cuts, Romney said he will eliminate tax deductions and loopholes. But according the Tax Policy Center, it is impossible to remain revenue neutral even if he was to get rid of every single loophole and deduction. At the end of the decade, the tax cut would total almost \$5 trillion.

Another lie came when he repeated the number \$716 billion when referring to Obamacare siphoning money from Medicare. That is misleading because that money primarily comes from reducing over payments to insurance companies, an idea which Paul Ryan has included in his budget plan.

Romney also raised eyebrows when he said Obama put in place more public debt while in office than every other president combined. That sounds absolutely ridiculous if you think about it even for a little bit.

The debt stood at around \$11 trillion when Obama took office and is now at \$16 trillion. A roughly \$5 trillion share of the debt is hardly as much as all the other presidents combined.

The reason Mitt Romney was declared the winner of this debate despite all of these blatant lies is because Obama did not call him out on the lies nearly enough, and when he did, he displayed little to no emotion. If Obama wants to regain the momentum in this race, he has to be more aggressive in the upcoming debates.

CAMPUS TALK

How is your relationship with your neighbors off-campus?



"We get along with our neighbors really well. We scoop their sidewalks in the winter, so that makes them happy."

Bryant KurtzJunior
Agricultural Education



"I don't really know my neighbors, but what I do know of them, we get along fairly well."

Mollie Blair Senior Elementary Education



"I have two neighbors. One has a lot of cats, and the other is crazy. They complain a lot about our pets and being loud."

Brittany Parker
Junior
IDM/New Media



"We don't have parties at our house. We get along pretty well, and they give us couches sometimes."

Ryan Culver Senior Industrial Psychology



"We do a pretty good job with them. We try to be as considerate. Things aren't perfect, but I think we maintain a good relationship."

Ryan Smith
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would be "really sad."

Although it can be a challenge, Kathy said she has recently had meetings with TKE to resolve discrepancies, and when Jack hurt his wrist, the boys offered to help out. Kathy said TKE has been talking about putting up a privacy fence between her home and theirs, and she is grateful.

Chris Fuller, president of TKE, said he contacts Kathy before big parties, and she has his and other executive members phone numbers so she can call them when she needs to. Fuller also said if he knows the party is going to be big, he will get Kathy a gift. He wants her to know he appreciates her patience and tolerance.

Chase Adams, president of Sig Ep, said the day after any social event, he and the members of Sig Ep try to clean up any trash that is left around, and if a report is filed for vandalizing or theft against a Sip Ep member, that will be taken to the judicial board. Adams said he has not been contacted by any neighbors regarding this issue. He hopes anybody who has a problem with the result of a social event will contact him.

"We preach to our members about respecting the community and those who live around us," Adams said. "We want nothing

the inclining and declining balance

style that is available now. Director

of Auxiliary Services Mark Het-

zler said this could help students

get more value for the money they

plan could change a lot on what

is available throughout campus.

Places like the convenience store

in the Station and the C3 store in

Garett-Strong could get removed or

replaced with something different.

Hetzler said a coffee shop in B.D.

Owens Library is also being consid-

ered, but no decision on any of the

ing for a company to expand the

amount of hours the cafeteria in the

J.W. Jones Student Union remains

open. The cafeteria stays open un-

til 7 p.m. during the weekdays, but

Hetzler said under the new contract

Auxiliary Services is also look-

changes has been made yet.

Hetzler said switching to this

DINING

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spend on campus dining.

more than to represent our chapter in a good light no matter what the circumstances are."

The tension extends beyond Greek life, though. Other students, whether affiliated with organizations or not, face the same issues. Northwest senior Bryce Johnston thinks house parties are good. Johnston said party houses are essential to the popularity of a college.

"The bars in town only matter once you are a junior or senior," Johnston said. "When a college town is a party school, like Northwest, it is because of the houseparty scene, not the bar scene."

On the other hand, Northwest senior Cassie Lowell said she usually only parties with close

"I remember one party my freshman year that was huge and over-packed," Lowell said. "We keep our parties under control. I am not a fan of being overcrowd-

Steve and Becky Smith have lived in their home on Seventh Street for over 25 years and for the most part are content. Becky said she thinks the majority of college students seem to be nice and just want to graduate and get out, but she has seen her share of reckless behavior.

The Smiths said they are least concerned about the noise, which is more often tolerable than not. In fact, they said The Palms on

Fourth Street is the worst offender, being so loud they can hear it all the way over on Seventh Street. In the past 25 years, the Smiths have placed less than five phone calls to the police for noise. Instead, they are more concerned about what goes on during and after a party.

"One morning at about 7:30 a.m. I saw a girl walking home with only a sheet draped over her," Becky said. "That makes me concerned for her."

Other concerns are for the safety of others. Becky does not tolerate seeing underage drinking and is concerned about the traffic on Seventh Street.

"Trucks like to see how fast they can go," Becky said. "We have a lot of kids around here, and I'm worried someone might get hurt."

The Smiths have also had people walk through their yard, which does not bother them until their belongings are stolen.

"We've learned we can't put decorations out for Halloween or Christmas because pumpkins get smashed and things get stolen, but I would like to be able to do that," Becky said. "We only call the cops if we hear or see something that causes alarm."

While the Smiths remember what it was like to be in college, after living 25 years on one of the most student-populated streets in town, they believe courtesy and respect go a long way.

they hope to keep the cafeteria open as late as 1 a.m. "We know students don't al-

ways eat at 7:30, noon and 5:00. With classes, activities and jobs, their schedules are not consistent," Baker said. "One of the things we can and should do is meet the students where they are at and give the students the types of amenities that they want."

Though a new vendor could potentially take over, hourly Aramark employees are not at risk of loosing their job. Heztler said keeping current hourly employees and a commitment to hire students are factors when looking at potential vendors. Aramark employees 140 students.

Bids for the contract are due Nov. 8, and any companies who submit a bid will come to campus Nov. 28 and 29 to give a presentation of their plan to Northwest.

A selection committee consisting of Hetzler, Residential Life Director Rose Viau, Vice President of Finance Stacy Carrick, Senior

Buyer in Purchasing Angie Wolters and a Northwest student will select a company sometime in mid-December. The Board of Regents will approve or reject their selection Jan. 10.

The current contract ends May 6, and the new contract will go into effect immediately after.

Aramark also has a facilities management contract with Northwest that is separate from campus dining. The outcome of the dining bidding process will not affect the facilities contract.

Baker said that though Aramark is already established on campus, the selection committee will not let that be a huge factor in its decision.

"We do everything we can to make it a level playing field," Baker said. "We do not look at history; it really is performance and the financial model they provide. But you can't void your mind of your own experience. We are interested in the best company and best outcome for students."

HARVEST

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meat processors close to Nodaway county: Clark's Custom Meat Company in St. Joseph, Mo., Edson's meat processing in Stanberry, Mo. and Deer Run Processing in Stanberry, Mo.

"We think it's a great program... it's a great opportunity to help those families in need," Deer Run Processing owner Sherrie Mercer said. "We are hoping to have hundreds of pounds of meat to donate to the Ministerial Alliance in town."

The cost of processing the dear is left to the hunter; however, some meat processors do offer deals or discounts to those donating to Share the Harvest. The CFM offers a cost-share program to meat processors when a hunter donates an entire deer to Share the Harvest.

"Some of our processors may have additional organizations that help reimburse them for processing, but we only reimburse \$60 (to processors) across the whole state," CFM Office Manager Micaela Haymaker said. "We only reimburse the processor, and only if they were to donate the whole deer."

In 2011 317,882 pounds of venison were donated to the Share the Harvest program by 6,191 hunters, according to the MDC website.

"We are pushing to see an increase as we always have; our goal is 10,000 (donators)," Haymaker said. "With the economy, sometimes it is a little more difficult because hunters are wanting to keep food for themselves, but we do have a lot of needy people out there."

More information about Share the Harvest is located at www.mdc. mo.gov and www.confedmo.org.

"Hunters, even if they want to donate five pounds, that is five pounds of meat to help out a family," Mercer said. "I just hope that more hunters will jump into the program and try to help out."

News Brief: Student Senate election results

Student Senate announced the new faces that would complete the University student governing body for the 2012-2013 school year.

This year's ballot, which ran Sept. 17-21, included 26 candidates. The Senate hopefuls ran for open positions, which were comprised of freshmen, on-campus, and off-campus representatives.

Students elected Academy student Tyler Stodden to the position of freshman class president. Other freshman representatives include freshman Katie Mahoney and Academy students Jay Park and Ruiling Wen.

Also new to Senate were freshman Michael Gutman, who will serve as on-campus representative, and junior Jared Moore who will serve as an off-campus representative.

In addition to the new senators, there were five new associate members, including senior Minka Foster, freshman Ryan Klassen, freshman Mark Langemach, sophomore Austin Nichols, freshman Katelyn Stoewsand and freshman Ashlee Willim.

These new positions hold office for the 2012-2013 school year. Students who wish to apply for an associate membership position can submit applications to Student Senate.

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but we always have people ready and willing to step up and take on leadership positions."

Raffety is currently working on an amendment to the Student Senate Constitution that would change the way Academy students are represented and would leave freshman "It's good and bad for the Academy students actually."

Ashton Raffety

and sophomore representative spots open to traditional freshmen and sophomores only. "It's good and bad for the Academy students actually," Raffety said. "It's going to open up one voting position for the Academy students, which they used to have in the past; it would also restrict Academy students to only be part of the constituency for that particular voting spot."

If passed, the amendment would not take effect until the 91st Student Senate for the 2013-2014 school year.

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September 4

Cameron J. Spire, 24, Burlington Junction, Mo., was arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for failure to

September 8

Jarod Martin, 37, Maryville, Mo., was arrested on a warrant out of St. Joseph Police Department.

September 21

A Maitland, Mo., subject reported that he had been the victim of harassment.

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September 23

A Skidmore, Mo., subject reported that she had been the victim of harassment.

There is an ongoing investigation of property damage at the 40 block of South Buchanan.

September 24

A Clyde, Mo., subject reported that she had been the victim of property damage.

September 26

Nehemiah L. Wilkins, 20, Maryville, Mo., was charged with driving without a valid drivers license and equipment violation at the 700 block of South Main Street.

Gregory W. Howard, 33, Baylis, Ill., was arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for failure to appear in court.

September 27

Jessica L. Mendez, 19, Maryville, Mo., was arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for failure to appear in court.

Melissa J. Strough, 30, Pickering, Mo., was arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for failure to appear in court

September 28

A missing cell phone was recovered at the 500 block of North Main Street.

A Maryville, Mo., subject reported that someone stole their iPod.

September 29

Marques W. Gomillian, 22, Wentzville, Mo., was charged with wanted on warrant at the 400 block of North Market Street for failure to appear in court.

Brandon L. Montgomery, 20, Browning, Mo., was charged with: driving while intoxicated, minor in possession, failure to stop at a stop sign at the 100 block of West Sixth Street.

Thelma A. Campbell, 72, Maryville, Mo., and Janna Deporter, Carr, Colo., were involved in an accident at the 1100 block of East Second Street.

Taelor B. Barret-Jones, Maryville, Mo., was involved in an accident at the 100 block of East Fourth Street.

September 30

Russell J. Redden, 17, Maryville, Mo., was charged with driving without a valid drivers license and equipment violation at the 300 block of Prather Avenue.

Samantha K. Wolfe, 33, Maryville, Mo., and Kent R. Lager, Maryville, Mo., were involved in an accident at the 1500 block of North Main Street.

October 1

A Maryville, Mo., subject reported that her house had been broken into and burglarized.

A Hopkins, Mo., subject reported that their home had been burglarized.

Mark A. Waltiere, 22, Albany, Mo., was arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for Probation Violation.

There is an ongoing investigation of larceny at the 1800 block of North Alco.

Bethany R. Stump, 20, Maryville, Mo., and Carl M. Droegemueller, 71, Maryville, Mo., were involved in an accident at the corner of North Buchanan and West Sixth Street.

October 2

There is an ongoing investigation of larceny at the 1200 block of South Main Street.

Megan E. Thompson, 21, Clarinda, Iowa, was arrested n a Nodaway County warrant for theft/stealing.

Violet C. Johnston, 21, College Springs, Iowa, was arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for theft/stealing.

John D. Piersen, 21, Barnard, Mo., was arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for probation violation.

Taylor H. Vernon, 21, Maryville, Mo., was issued a citation for failure to yield the a right of way. Vernon was involved in an accident with Andrew R. Provencio, 29, Graham, Mo., at the 100 block of South Walnut.

October 3 A stolen b

A stolen bicycle was recovered at the 100 block of East Jenkins.

There is an ongoing investigation of a hit and run accident at the 200 block of East South Avenue.

John M. Meyer, 24, Maryville, Mo., was charged with wanted on warrant for failure to appear in court at the 400 block of North Market Street.

Brendan E. Weybrew, 16, Maryville, Mo., and Mildred F. Bennett, 82, Maryville, Mo., were involved in an accident at the 100 block of South Walnut Street.

October 4

Jerry D. Easley, 41, Clarinda, Iowa, was arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for failure to appear in court.

Derry R. DeMott, 19, Sheridan, Mo., was charged with driving while intoxicated, minor in possession and failure to maintain right half of roadway at the 800 block of South

October 5

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Blayne T. Vogel, 19, Maryville, Mo., was charged with driving while intoxicated, minor in possession and improper left turn at the 100 block of West Fourth Street.

Jessep D. Englert, 20, Maryville, Mo., was charged with a minor in possession at the 500 block of East Third Street.

Todd R. Bottiger, 46, Ravenwood, Mo., was charged with: displaying the plates of another vehicle, possession of an open title and failure to maintain financial responsibility at the 500 block of North Vine.

Spencer G. Noyes, 19, Dianne M. Owens, 42, Maryville, Mo., and Joseph G. Walter, 52, Guilford, Mo., were involved in an accident at the West Edwards and South Main Street junction.

October 6

There is an ongoing investigation of property damage at the 500 block of West Fourth Street.

Taylor S. Farris, 28, Maryville, Mo., was charged with sale of alcohol to a minor and allowing under 19 in a bar at the 400 block of North Buchanan.

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October 7
There is an ongoing investigation of property damage at the 600 block of South Main Street.

Joseph G. Stricklin, 25, Lincoln,

Neb., was charged with driving while intoxicated and equipment violation at the 100 block of South Walnut.

Mohammed A. Mottaleb, 49, Maryville, Mo., and Larry J. Baumli, 58, Skidmore, Mo., were involved in an accident at the 1000 block of South Main Street.

Erin F, Hunolt, 26, Burring, Mo., was charged with selling alcohol to a minor at the 400 block of North Buchanan.

Blake E. Schoeninger, 22, Wentzville, Mo., was charged with allowing under 19 in a bar at the 300 block of North Buchanan.

Lucas R. Lancaster, 22, Maryville, Mo., was charged with allowing under 19 in a bar at the 400 block of North Buchanan.

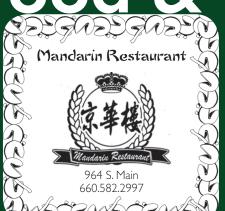
There is an ongoing investigation of larceny at the 1300 block of East Fourth Street.

October 8

A structure fire was reported at the 500 block of West Second Street.

Hannah H. Jurgensen, 20, Maryville, Mo., was issued a citation for failure to yield at the West Ninth Street and North Walnut Street intersection. Jurgensen was involved in an accident with Adam D. Dougherty, 26, Maryville, Mo.





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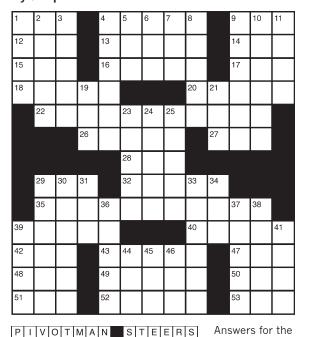
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Today's Birthday (10/11/12). You can really take ground in your career this year. Responsible financial management coupled with a clear plan of where you're going can open unimaginable opportunities. New perspectives on wealth allow for greater prosperity. Travel and educational exploration expand mind and spirit.

Aries (Mar. 21-April 19) -- Today is an 8 -- Get down to the actual work for the next two days. Get your ideas into action without delay. You're gaining respect. Pay attention to details. Love flows both ways

Taurus (April 20-May 20) -- Today is an 8 -- Take more time for play over the next couple of days and be rewarded. Or at least take everything with a grain of salt and a good sense of humor. Consider all possibilities. Question authority.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) -- Today is a 7 --Stay true to your vision and commitments, even as you revise them. It's a good time to find a bargain. Allow your feet to take you where they want.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) -- Today is a 6 --Study the situation for a while. Meet with an important client or family member, and listen as if you're paying gold for every word. Practice something you love.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Today is an 8 --Tap another source of revenue, looking at all possible angles. The upcoming days are quite profitable (and you're very popular). Don't fall for a sob story.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Today is a 5 --You have extra confidence starting today. Your actions speak louder than words, so make them count. Gather practical information and advance. Remember an important appointment.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) -- Today is a 7 -- You're entering a pensive phase. It's easy to get sidetracked. Focus on taking actions you're especially qualified for, even if it

means postponing play.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) -- Today is a 7 -- Play, but remember your budget. If it seems too good to be true, it may be. Consider consequences. You have more friends than you realized. Follow the rules.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) -- Today is a 7 -- Work requires more attention (and is more rewarding) for the next few days. Learn so you're stronger and wiser next time. Crossing a body of water looks interesting.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Today is a 5 -- Use today and tomorrow to plan the actions for the rest of the year. Do

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the necessary research, but don't believe everything you read. Keep the money in the bank.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) -- Today is a 7 -- Make sure you're linking up with an expert, especially around funding. There's power in numbers. Provide yourself with what you need, but don't get complacent. Travel light this time.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) -- Today is a 6 --Let go of stale fantasies. Invest in the right tools to save money in the long run. There's a change in plans; take care. Outdoor walks are especially romantic.





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ZONESIE **MATTHEW LEIMKUEHLER**

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Let's face it, the zombies are coming. We all want to kick some undead ass, so here are 10 tips to help you survive when all of the dumb college students (cough, Mo. West, cough) are dead and gone.



10. Fill your flask with gasoline.

There's nothing like smelling burning zombie flesh when being attacked by a hoard of the undead. Replace the whiskey with a little bit of gas and don't forget your lighter, it could come in handy.



9. Guns are not your

Killing zombies with a gun is like eating Chinese with a fork, it's practically cheating. Find a baseball bat, broken beer bottle or anything that sound's fun to bash a zombie's head in



8. Go for the brain

The best way to kill a zombie is to get them to stop thinking. A knife straight to the cerebellum should do the trick.



7. Leave your home

The zombies will have your scent, you are a sitting duck in your own home. Try hiding out in schools, YMCAs or other large buildings with plenty of room to run and hide when needed.



6. Never use your fists

Throwing your flesh at a zombie is practically handing yourself on a silver platter to the beast. Try tossing a stray cat at them instead, no one ever wants to deal with those. lt's a win-win.



5. Explosives get you out of a bind

A grenade here, a Molotov cocktail there, even the casual Roman candle can always get you out of a corner when trapped. Be sure to use with caution; these normally come in limited supply.



4. Always stay alert and sober

When all the other humans are gone, booze may be the obvious go-to, but one drink too many and you are dead meat, literally.

3. Keep a partner handy

Survival with a partner means someone always has your back. It gives you eyes in the back of your head and someone to have fun with when demolishing the undead. Keep a tally with your partner and see who kills more. After all, there's nothing wrong with a little hunting competition.

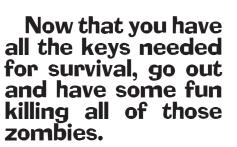


2. Fight until the end

Never give up; remember tip nine and use your surroundings to help you fight until the end. Go down swinging.

1. You are only as safe as your knife is sharp

Your knife is your most important weapon for survival. For hunting and for killing, the knife is swift, sharp and gives a great impact. Keep it sharp and close to you at all times.



THE STROLLER:

Your man says slow down, cyclists

I watched "Premium Rush" a few weeks ago. You know, the one with that hottie mchottie pants, Joseph Gordon-Levitt. Anyway, it was a great movie about the bike couriers in New York City delivering mail and riding like maniacs in and out of cars.

The main character, JGL, is one of these bike couriers, and the film does a good job showing off his bare chest and bike riding abilities. Did I mention Joseph Gordon-Levitt looks great in the movie?

Back to the subject at hand. I moved back to Maryville, after seeing the movie, to once again skip my classes, enjoy Wok and laugh at Academy students. What I did not expect was the onslaught of bike riders on campus.

Everywhere I went they were whizzing past me at blurring speeds and usually, without any regard to people walking on the sidewalks. The downside to this is none of the cyclists look like JGL.

Quick show of hands. How many of you are imagining Joseph Gordon-Levitt with his shirt off?

I digress. I am all for people finding a fast, economical way to get to class. What I am not for is getting mowed down by fixed-gear bikes traveling well over the recommended sidewalk speeds.

I would love to take all the bicyclists, put them in a classroom and teach them how to properly ride on a sidewalk. This includes proper hand motions, proper verbal commands and most importantly, proper bike riding attire.

As much as I fear getting run down by bikes, I fear for their safety too. All too often a bicyclist runs into unsuspecting pedestrians, and they go flying headfirst into a cement wall or, even worse, a grassy hill that sends you rolling another 50 feet.

These thoughts run through my mind when I see them fly by, most not wearing helmets, knee pads, elbow pads or face masks. Remember friends, you are not safe without that face mask and mouth guard.

On behalf of my fellow classmates, I ask all the people riding bikes on campus to learn how to ride on sidewalks or move it to the roads. If you move it to the roads, learn the rules of the road. No matter where you decide to ride, remember your protection. And if it is at all possible, please start looking like Joseph Gordon-Levitt when you ride. It will make all our

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Who needs a real debate when we can watch these two duke it out?

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Star of NBC's "30 Rock" told Twitter he would have taken a large pay cut to see season eight go into effect.

Global Citizen Concert

Neil Young, The Foo Fighters, The Black Keys and more came together on one stage last week in Central Park, N.Y., to raise an estimated \$1.3 billion to help fight American poverty.



Lindsay Lohan

This Hollywood star appears in headlines week after week for a different

Jersey Shore

America's favorite Italians are back, and guess what? They are just as idiotic as

American Idol

Nicki Minaj and Mariah Carey have been battling it out behind the scenes over whose ego is bigger, causing negative remarks from

Jay-Z, 2K Sports hit right note with newest NBA game

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The past month has been a gamer's dream, but no game hit the scene like NBA 2K13.

The biggest perk and first thing noticed, as it's in the opening credits, is the fact that Hova himself, the "Mike Jordan of recordin'," Jay-Z, is the game's executive producer.

This was the big news leading up to the 2K13 release. Not only did Jay-Z handpick the 24 songs on the game's soundtrack, he also had a hand in the in-game presentation, intro and outro sequences and the overall style of the game, according to an interview last summer with Jason Argent, vice president of marketing at 2K

Argent said they, along with Jay-Z, wanted to truly collaborate and not just stick his name on the

"Jay is so obsessed with authenticity," Argent said, and that is exactly what you get with 2K Sports' newest installment.

From the moment the game introduction starts featuring Jay-Z's "Public Service Announcement," it's clear that this game has a style, a semblance, a swagger that can only come from Jay-Z.

To go along with the fantastic in-game presentation, menu screens move and Volume Unit meter-like graphics move up and down to the beat of whatever song is playing in the menu.

The pre-game presentation is equally entertaining. The montage sequences we thought 2K perfected last year have only gotten better. Thanks, Jay-Z.

Some might say people play video games to take a break from reality, but 2K is making that argument awfully hard to stand by. Everything in-game—the pretipoff, the commentary, players' reactions, players' physical and mental attributes, players' movements on the court and how they interact with one another when they come in contact is spectacu-

I've been dying for a little NBA action, so I simulated a game between the revamped Lakers and the young New Orleans Hornets and bygolly, that was more than good enough.

Kobe called for the ball off picks and didn't pass, Metta World Peace hit someone in the face and Anthony Davis' eyebrow looked so real Dwight Howard gave up a dunk. That may be a bit exaggerated (everything except for the Kobe comment), but the game is great, the best sports game...ever, hands down, bar none, period.

This year's game seems to focus on 2K's great My Player mode more than any other. Which is fine because My Player is probably the best game mode in any sports video game, and 2K runs the table when it comes to My Player. As they say: flaunt it if you got it.

The home menu shows only your My Player, which you create when you start the game; the quick game mode; and your My Career (a new game mode); Association; or any other of your other saved games.

My Player has been reworked for this year's game. Like I said, you create your My Player on first play of the game, and there's a whole menu dedicated to that. From this menu, you can visit your closet, the My Player store or edit your My Player. Here comes the bad news. This year 2K has decided to implement virtual currency to upgrade your player rather than skill points. VC is used in the game to upgrade My Player attributes, buy accessories and pregame and tip off rituals.

VC is earned by playing games and doing well, of course, or by buying VC via Xbox Live. What sucks about VC is it takes way too long to acquire a substantial amount to do what you want, and things cost way too much. Luckily, when you start your career, you start off better and can compete well, so you don't need too much VC to upgrade right off the bat. But if you want that sleeve or Derrick Rose's Adidas ankle braces to set you over the top, start saving

Overall, this game is great. Though there are downsides, the good out weighs the bad. Bringing Jay-Z on as executive producer was risky, but I applaud 2K because it definitely paid off. I'll be playing this game until finals roll

P.S. if you want a quick way to get VC, just tweet me.



Name: NBA 2K13

Genre: Sports

Company: 2K Sports

Rating: 5/5



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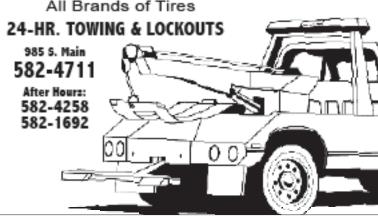
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"At first, I wasn't planning on coming back. After something like that happens, it's hard to come back to where it all took place. But there were a lot of guys texting me, just asking how I was and hearing how many people missed me. I decided to come back, and worked my tail off in the summer to get there.

"I was really nervous when I came back because I didn't know if there would be resentment or anger toward what happened, but the coaching staff and players were great," Longacre said.

Matt's dad, Mark Longacre, said that it is nothing short of a miracle that Matt has been able to get back on the field, but knows how important Northwest was in helping his son through his injuries.

"Keeping that tie was just as important with those people as it was to get back on the field," Mark said. "From a parent's standpoint, it was important that he could get back and play, but it was important just because we knew if he could get to that point, that he would be fully recovered."

Once back, he found his way into the rotation last season while recording a team-high 4.5 sacks.

This season he is starting at defensive end and has already equaled his sack number from last year in just six games.

He also has a team-high number of tackles for losses with six.

Some people might be satisfied



Sophomore defensive end Matt Longacre wheels around a Northeastern State lineman. Longacre leads the team with five sacks.

with their recovery after coming back from an accident as horrific as Matt's, but not many could match his ambition and eternal drive to go beyond a mere recovery.

This eternal drive can only spell trouble for opposing teams, but Matt still knows he has work to do.

"The number one goal is the MIAA Championship and national championship," Matt said. "I would rather do that than get some award or anything like that. I want to win that national championship more than anything else. That's what we are all striving for, and that's what we are playing for."

Wright knew how important it was to reassure Matt of his importance to the team and to himself while he fought through adversity

to be where he is today.

"I'm proud of him," Wright said. "I'm proud that he has come so far. I'm proud that he has done a lot of good things on the football field, but he has changed his life, and I think that's better yet. He's a good kid, and he will be a big part of our future here at Northwest.

PLAYOFFS

CONTINUED FROM A12

outfield. But that's a separate is-

Adding an extra team to the mix by way of an extra Wild Card berth was genius. By my judgment, this was the most excited people had been for the opening of the MLB postseason in a while.

And why was that? Because the playoffs were

kicked off with two different onegame, winner-take-all series.

Casual baseball fans, even casual sports fans that don't prefer baseball, were intrigued simply because watching one game means so much more than a full, watered-

Don't get me wrong, I'm not trying to argue for a one-game World Series. But for teams that squeaked into postseason play, one game is perfect.

After 162 games, one game to continue into the playoffs may not be "fair," but it forces teams to care more about winning the division rather than being able to finish second and have almost the same advantages as the division winner that played a better season.

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For example, had this rule not been in place, we wouldn't have seen the A's scratch so hard in the last week to beat the Rangers out for the AL West crown. Both teams would have coasted into the finish line, probably resting starters for the playoffs.

Rather, Oakland fought to be in contention for the title on the last day, giving us meaningful baseball for the full 162-game schedule.

Not only that, but it added to the mix at the trade deadline. More teams felt like they were buyers, so there was a more competitive market. We'll start to see bigger blockbuster trades in July in the upcoming years because teams will have to give up more to get that last guy they think they need to make a postseason push.

On top of that, when there are more buyers, there are fewer sell-

Instead of seeing four pitchers on the market at next year's deadline with six teams vying for them, we may see two quality pitchers and eight teams bidding, meaning the team who wants a player the most will have to give up more to get him.

So enjoy this historical postseason as the first of its kind and happy October.

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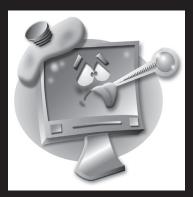
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NW FOOTBALL

MIAA STANDINGS		
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Emporia State	6-0	6-0
Mo. Western	6-0	5-0
Pitt. State	5-0	5-0
Washburn	5-1	5-1
Lindenwood	5-1	4-1
NORTHWEST	5-1	4-1
Central Mo	4-2	4-2
Mo. Southern	4-2	3-2
Truman		3-2
Central Oklahoma	1-5	1-5
Fort Hays	1-5	1-5
Southwest Baptist	1-5	1-5
Lincoln (Mo.)	0-6	0-6
Nebraska-Kearney	0-6	0-6
Northeastern State	0-6	0-6

October 13:

NORTHWEST at Pitt. State (Kansas City) Mo. Southern at Mo. Western Lindenwood at Emporia St. Central Okla. at Central Mo. Fort Hays at Southwest Baptist Truman at Washburn

MHS FOOTBALL

MEC STANDINGS			
	Overall	MEC	
Savannah	7-0	5-0	
MARYVILLE	7-0	5-0	
Lafayette	6-1	4-1	
LeBlond	5-2	3-2	
Smithville	4-3	2-3	
Chillicothe	1-6	1-4	
Benton	1-6	0-5	
Cameron	0-7	0-5	

October 12: MARYVILLE at Savannah Smithville at Chillicothe Lafayette at LeBlond

Cameron at Benton

NW VOLLEYBALL

MIAA STANDINGS	. "	
	Overall	MIAA
Central Mo	15-3	7-0
Nebraska-Kearney	18-0	5-0
Washburn	19-1	6-1
NORTHWEST	11-7	5-1
Truman	16-4	5-2
Fort Hays	17-6	3-3
Emporia State	13-6	3-3
Mo. Western	12-8	3-4
Lindenwood	12-8	2-4
Central Oklahoma	6-11	2-5
Pitt. State	9-9	1-6
Southwest Baptist	8-13	1-6
Mo. Southern	0-19	0-8

October 12:

Central Okla. at NORTHWEST Washburn at Southwest Baptist Emporia St. at Mo. Southern Lindenwood at Fort Hays Truman at Kearney

MHS VOLLEYBALL

MEC STANDINGS			
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LeBlond	17-1-2	5-0	
MARYVILLE	11-1	7-1	
Savannah	10-6	6-2	
Smithville	7-5-2	4-2	
Benton	9-9	5-6	
Chillicothe	6-6	3-5	
Cameron	11-10-1	1-4	
Lafayette	3-10	0-9	
Smithville	7-5-2 9-9 6-6 11-10-1	4-2 5-6 3-5 1-4	

October 11:

MARYVILLE at Chillicothe Smithville at Savannah LeBlond at Cameron

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Softball defeated in district semis

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Maryville softball finished its season with a loss to Smithville in the district semi-finals Saturday.

The Spoofhounds defeated Lafayette 9-2 in the opening round of district play. Senior first baseman Baylee Scarbrough broke the game open in the first inning with a threerun homerun. Senior pitcher Mikaila Wallace pitched all seven innings, striking out nine batters and surrendering only three hits.

Maryville then faced Smithville for the second time in nine days, falling to the top-seeded Warriors 11-0. The Spoofhounds finished with a record of 12-10.

The season was defined by hard work and the rapid development of less-experienced players, head coach Tom Scarbrough said.

"We competed well all year and can stand proud of our accomplishments," Scarbrough said. "We are focused year round and have stayed dedicated to being successful. If someone would've seen our first few practices, they might have said we wouldn't win a game."

After losing its first two games, Maryville reeled off five straight victories behind the arm of Wallace. Wallace finished with 195 strikeouts in 130 innings. She is undecided on where she will attend college, but plans to play softball.

Scarbrough broke a school record, posting an average of .619 through the year and has committed to play softball at Northwest.

Wallace and Scarbrough received first team all-district honors and are eligible for all-regional and all-state consideration once the season ends.

Senior outfielder Blair Twaddle and junior catcher McKenzie Wallace were selected to second team all-district.

Although the Spoofhounds are losing talented athletes, several underclassmen will return to the field next season having garnered valuable varsity experience. First-year player Erin Flores and sophomores Shyan Dredge and Jenna Churkas each received considerable playing time at the varsity level.

"All the seniors will be missed, just like those that have come before them," Scarbrough said. "But as one of the girls reminded me about a song, someone's beginning starts with another's ending. That is the

Klaus, volleyball prepare for districts

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With only three games left before districts, head volleyball coach Lori Klaus knows how important each game is to keep momentum on their side.

"I think we are sitting well right now," Klaus said. "With districts being at home, the girls are getting excited. I feel like they are really coming together and playing well. We have high hopes for the end of the season."

With a record of 20-5-2, 4-1 MEC, the 'Hounds face Chillicothe at 5 p.m. Thursday at Chillicothe.

Maryville faced Chillicothe in the Bishop LeBlond tournament Sept. 29, where the Spoofhounds came out with the win in three sets.

Even though her team got the first win when the two teams faced off, Klaus said her team has to get pumped up and play their best considering it is a conference match on the road.

'We feel like we know their defense pretty well, so we will practice hitting to the open spots on their defense," Klaus said. "They have a really big outside, so we have to focus on blocking also."

The Spoofhounds are coming off a weekend that saw them finish the Benton tournament 2-2, winning games against Lafayette and Mid-Buchanan.

However, the 'Hounds did not place in the tournament, as they

"We feel like we know their defense pretty well, so we will practice hitting to the open spots on their defense."

Lori Klaus

lost to Pembroke Hill and Bedford,

This Monday Maryville nabbed its 20th victory of the season when it played Plattsburg.

The Spoofhounds finished in two sets, winning the first by the score of 25-10, and the second set

Senior setter Alyssa Stiens led the 'Hounds with seven assists, four aces and three digs.

Junior middle blocker Anny Van de Ven finished with four kills

Senior libero Jessa Stiens added four digs and three aces in the

After Chillicothe the 'Hounds face Fairfax at 6 p.m. Monday at

Not only is it their last game at home, the volleyball team is a part of an event Monday night called "Spike Out Cancer."



H. JURGENSEN | NW MISSOURIAN Junior middle blocker Gabby Church sets the ball back over to Savannah in a game last Thursday night.

There will be a raffle for donated items and the proceeds will go to a family who is battling cancer.

"It's going to be a big night for us with the event," Klaus said. "I'm sure the girls will be excited and

An away game against Smith-ville on Tuesday will conclude the Spoofhounds' regular season.

LORI FRANKENFIELD | NW MISSOURIAN

Freshman Midfielder Dimitri Filopoulous attempts to get the ball away from a Belton defender last Monday at Donaldson-Westside Park. The Spoofhounds lost 9-2 Tuesday to Kansas City Northeast.

Soccer suffers loss to start non-conference stretch

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Maryville boy's soccer entered its stretch of non-conference games with Kansas City Northeast Tuesday.

The Spoofhounds struck first with a goal from junior midfielder Zach Miller in the third minute. Miller was assisted by sophomore forward Mitchell Worthington.

Following three consecutive goals from the Vikings, senior forward Lane Hermelink netted a goal in the 40th minute to bring Maryville within striking distance. Junior defender Mason Schafer contributed with the assist.

Northeast took over from there, scoring six unanswered goals en route to a 9-2 victory.

Northeast improved to 12-4-2 with the victory.

"They are very quick and moved the ball well," head coach Stuart Collins said. "We weren't in position to stop that."

Maryville dropped its season record to 7-10.

The Spoofhounds will look to rebound at home when they take on Kansas City East. Controlling the game is a key to victory for Maryville, Collins said.

'We have to make sure we're prepared for combination passes and rally around the ball," Collins said. "We're looking to play our game instead of chasing our opponent."

The 'Hounds play at 4 p.m. Thursday at Donaldson-Westside Park in Maryville.

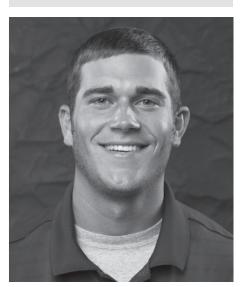


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Trevor Adams



Junior quarterback Trevor Adams was named MIAA Player of the Week along with teammate Jordan Simmons. Adams threw for 248 yards and five scores on 10 of 12 passing.

Anna Holden



Freshman forward Anna Holden scored the game-winning goal with less than two minutes to go in the Bearcats' 1-0 victory over Washburn Sunday.

Derek Stiens



Senior running back Derek Stiens carried 14 times for 58 yards and a touchdown in the Spoofhounds' 34-7 senior night victory over Smithville.

Alyssa Stiens



Senior setter Alyssa Stiens led the way for the Spoofhounds in the win against Plattsburg Monday with seven assists, four aces and three digs.

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Football accepts underdog role

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Following a blowout win on the road, the No. 7 Northwest football team travels to Arrowhead Stadium this week for Fall Classic XI against No. 1 Pittsburg State.

The Gorillas enter Saturday's game as the top team in the country with a 5-0 record, averaging 39.6 points per game. The Bearcat offense is not far behind, putting up 38.1 points per game.

Head coach Adam Dorrel said the key defensively in such an offensive game is to limit big plays.

"A lot of that comes from we're playing base defense and getting pass rush with four or five guys, and our back end guys are keeping everything inside and in front of them," Dorrel said. "So I think that's the key. I think if you can stop the run and what Pitt does with their zone option and stuff, they do it pretty effectively."

In last season's Fall Classic,

the Bearcats held a 28-6 lead in the second quarter before the Gorillas scored 29 unanswered points to take a 35-28 lead. The Gorillas eventually won 38-35 with a last second field goal.

Senior safety Clarke Snodgrass played his first game of the season Oct. 6 at Central Oklahoma, ending the contest with three total tackles. He said his return in time for the Pitt game means a lot to him, especially as a senior.

"For the circumstances, it's never good sitting out that many games," Snodgrass said. "But if I was ideally gonna choose to have to sit out five games and have a game to come back to, definitely Pitt State would be the game I'd wanna be here for. That'd be a really big letdown for me if my senior year I wasn't able to come out of that tunnel and play that game. That's always one of the biggest games of the year for us."

This game has been a long time coming for Snodgrass and company

following last year's late loss

"We've been waiting 365 days for this game," Snodgrass said. "We love being the underdog. You have nothing to lose. We're going to come in and like coach (Dorrel) said, fire all our bullets. We're really excited."

Snodgrass said the biggest key for the Gorilla offense is the big play.

A majority of those big plays come from junior wide receiver John Brown, who leads the nation with 233 all-purpose yards per game.

Brown torched the Bearcat defense for 356 receiving yards and five total touchdowns in two games last season.

"You're not goone stor that lid."

"You're not gonna stop that kid; I mean, that kid's a good football player," Dorrel said. "He's got 31 catches on the year, and they're running reverses with him. The key is when he gets the football, the first guy needs to wrap up, and the other three guys just need to hit him really hard."

The Fall Classic kicks off at 4 p.m. Saturday at Arrowhead Stadium.



HANNAH JURGENSEN | NW MISSOURIAN

Senior wide receiver Tyler Shaw escapes a Northeastern State defender during the Bearcats' 66-6 win Sept. 29.

Soccer prepares for back stretch of season

JON BROWN

Missourian Reporter | @NWMSports

The Northwest women's soccer team will play a crucial conference game this Thursday in Nebraska.

The 'Cats will travel to Kearney, Neb. to take on the Lopers.

Head coach Tracy Hoza mentioned that it is important to start the weekend off well.

"It's always important to set the tone for the weekend and start off ahead," Hoza said. "We are really going to have to work hard and come out and play as a team to adapt to the conditions."

The Bearcats into the game with a record of 7-3-2.

Central Oklahoma leads the MIAA with a record of 11-1-1.

MIAA with a record of 11-1-1. Hoza said that everyone will

fight until the end of the season.

"It's fighting out towards the end, you have to fight hard to get to the position you want to be in at the end of the year," Hoza said.



LORI FRANKENFIELD | NW MISSOURIAN Freshman defender Elizabeth Lee kicks the ball to a Bearcat teammate during Sunday's game against Washburn at Bearcat Pitch

"Everyone has a chance to be in the top eight, and a lot of people have a chance to be in the top four."

The Bearcats kick off at 7 p.m.
Thursday.

Volleyball splits at Washburn tourney

ELI WELLMAN

Missourian Reporter | @NWMSports

After the Washburn Invitational last weekend, the Northwest volleyball team returned to MIAA play against Central Missouri Wednesday night.

Head coach Amy Phelps believes that the Bearcats have an advantage coming in and trying to play the spoiler.

"When you look across the net and figure out a weakness in a team, you can exploit that," Phelps said. "Against Central, we're going to have to find a way to exploit their weaknesses."

Central Missouri entered the game ranked seventh nationally with 15 wins and just three losses.

"It will be fun to go down there and challenge them," Phelps said. "They are the best team in the conference right now. Obviously, we want to go in and spoil them."

Results for Wednesday's game were unavailable as of press time.

The Bearcats played in the Washburn Invitational last weekend. They finished with a

"When you look across the net and figure out a weakness in a team, you can exploit that."

Amy Phelps

2-2 record.

On Friday, Southern Nazarene took the game to five sets to beat the Bearcats to open the tournament.

"We didn't control our errors and gave them a lot of unforced errors. When you let someone back in a match like that, it's hard to win that last set." Phelps said.

Sophomore Abby Graves led the Bearcat's offense with 19 kills and the defense with 16 digs in the game against Southern Nazarene.

In the second game, Northwest bounced back to beat Southwestern Oklahoma in just three sets. Freshman setter Dallas Gard-

ner finished with 11 kills and 24

Senior defensive specialist Tori Beckman led the defense with 17 digs and three assists in the win.

Saturday morning the Bearcats opened their day with East Central and won in three sets.

Sophomores Abby Graves and Brooke Bartosh picked up 10 kills each while Gardner paced the offense with 21 assists in the

The final game was not so friendly to Northwest, as it fell to Harding in four sets.

"The story was unforced er-

"The story was unforced errors," Phelps said. "This week in practice, we are really focusing on cutting down the unforced errors we are giving our opponents and controlling what we can control

Shelby Duren led Northwest against Harding with 20 digs and 15 kills. The Bearcats have two

outside hitter

Freshman

The Bearcats have two matches coming this weekend against MIAA competition, both at home.

Northwest tips off at 7 p.m. Friday against Central Oklahoma in Bearcat Arena.

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After an intense accident Matt Longacre has come back to be a strong defensive player for the Northwest football team.

BOUNCING BACK

Sophomore lineman leads tough defense

CRAIG SIMS

Chief Sports Reporter | @NWMSports

Most quarterbacks have to fight with him in the backfield on Saturdays, but it was not that long ago that No. 96 for the Bearcats had to put up a fight of his own to survive.

It was March 5, 2011 when then redshirt freshman defensive lineman Matt Longacre had been drinking and had an accident, falling out of a second-story window and onto the concrete of Main Street.

Waking up in St. Francis Hospital, Matt said he had no idea what was going on or how he got there.

With his family by his side, Matt fought through a nine and a half hour surgery, among many other things, while suffering a multitude of injuries.

After a few hours, he was stabilized in St. Francis and then transferred to a hospital in St. Joseph.

He spent two weeks there before being sent home to begin the recovery process.

During his road to recovery, his mouth had to be wired shut for nearly two months.

He had a tracheal tube for four weeks and a feeding tube for eight weeks.

With all of those injuries, suffering not just physically, but mentally, a lot of people would have given up their athletic career.

But the story of Longacre is much more than that.

He started lifting in the basement of his home in Omaha, Neb., taking it slowly, while his teammates and coaches texted him, giving him words of encouragement and care.

Longacre had to take his time with tasks, such as walking up and down stairs, something he had not done for weeks.

Matt said coach Scott Bostwick and defensive coordinator Rich Wright would text him once a week

to ask how he was doing. Slowly, the decision to come back to the Northwest community became obvious to him.

"That was really the main reason I came back," Longacre said.

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fall season on high note

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Northwest women's golf capped off an excellent fall season by winning the Bearcat Fall Classic Friday.

It is the first time the 'Cats won their host tournament since it was established six years ago.

Despite a four-hour weather delay, the Bearcats led both days and finished with a team score of 656. Missouri Western, who won the tournament last year, finished in second with a 672.

Sophomore Steph Charteris tied a school record by shooting a 73 in the second day of play.

Going into the offseason on a high note will prepare Northwest for tough spring competition, head coach Pat McLaughlin said.

"Going into next season with a win gives the girls an even greater incentive to work hard," McLaughlin said. "I'm proud they played even better the second day even though they had the lead. You can see where the hard work pays off, and it's a gratifying feeling.

With the introduction of two new schools to the MIAA, the Bearcats will face nationally and regionally ranked teams in every tournament next spring.

Northwest will have to go through Northeastern State, Central Oklahoma and defending MIAA champion Fort Hays State to capture its first conference championship.

Golf finishes Maryville faces tough test on road

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Through seven games, the Spoofhound football team is out to a 7-0 record, but Friday's game could be the toughest matchup of the season.

Maryville faces Savannah at 7 p.m. on the road. The Savages also carry a spotless 7-0 record into Friday night.

"It's kind of what you play for," head coach Matt Webb said. 'You wanna be at this position at this point in the season. You look at the conference race and how it all unfolds, this is where you wanna be. We're excited to go down there and have an opportunity to play them."

Webb said his team is excited for a lot of reasons, but mainly because the Spoofhounds are facing their biggest rival.

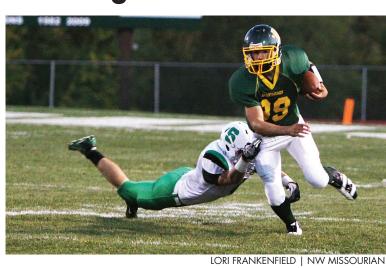
"This is an opportunity that the team feels that we really wanna go out and beat Savannah ,and we just really wanna win this game," Webb said.

Webb said going on the road in this rivalry game makes it even tougher.

"Anytime you play on the road in the (Midland Empire Conference) they have a bit of an advantage," Webb said. "Our team, however, plays well on the road. They're a mature group, a senior dominated group, they know how to travel, they've played Savannah before, they know the atmosphere they're getting into. So I think it's more of a wash that it's down at their place."

The Spoofhounds will use the same offensive game plan as usual, starting with the run and taking what the defense gives them.

"It's really about running our



Senior running back Derek Stiens attempts to get away from a Smithville de-

fender at Friday's game.

offense, which means if they're going to put too many people in the box that we feel like we can get on the perimeter and throw the football some, then we'll do that," Webb said. "Then if they're gonna take that away, then we're gonna run the ball. It doesn't matter personnel-wise as far as who we've got, they've got a lot of guys returning from last year, too.

"They lost some key guys that graduated, a couple really good football players, but it's really a scheme thing. We're gonna go in and run our offense. We're not gonna do anything special."

The Savages played close games against Smithville and Lafayette, winning by seven and

Oct. 5 and walked away with a

eight points, respectively. Maryville took on Šmithville

34-7 win behind a strong rushing The trio of senior Derek Stiens, senior Peyton Mizera

and sophomore Brody McMa-

hon combined for 397 yards on the ground and four total touch-

Friday's game will carry a lot of weight in the conference standings, and Webb invited anyone and everyone to go watch what could determine the Midland Empire champion.

"I don't know about Savannah, but I know that our team is extremely excited to go play them," Webb said. "(Savannah) is the No. 2 team in the state in 4A that we're going to play against, and they deserve every right that they have. They are a good football team, and I think that we're a good football team. This Friday night's gonna really be a heck of a football game, and if you're in Nodaway County, I suggest you get down there because it's going to be a lot of fun."

MLB Wild Card games perfect for expanded playoffs



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If you have ever sat down to watch your favorite baseball team play a five-or seven-game playoff series (which means you are not a Royals fan), you know two things.

One: each game matters significantly. If the 2001 Mariners, arguably the best regular season team ever, played a 99-game series against the Yankees in the ALCS that year, they would have advanced to beat the Diamondbacks in the World Series.

However, any team can win a short series, it's just a matter of getting there.

Two: it's hard to stay that intently focused for five or seven games on five or seven separate nights as a fan. Even when it comes down to the World Series, it's tough to find the time to be able to set aside that many nights to watch games, especially if they are two teams you aren't that concerned about.

This is why the expansion of the playoffs this season is the best thing that's happened to baseball since the George Mitchell report.

(Another rule that was apparently added was that the infield fly rule extends 100 feet into the

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